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Reports of direct action carried out by the Animal Liberation Front and other similar organisations.

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(All actions have taken place in England unless stated otherwise)

EARLY AUGUST 1984 - LUTON, BEDS.

ALF slogans painted on the windows of a furrier in Old Bedford Road and a brick thrown through the glass door.

EARLY AUGUST 1984 - EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

Members of Edinburgh ALF attacked establishments in the city which exploit animals.
A large butchers shop which also sells sheepskins, and Edinburgh University (who extensively use animals in many of their departments) were among the places attacked, with their windows being smashed, locks glued and appropriate slogans sprayed in red paint.

1 AUGUST 1984 - COVENTRY, WEST MIDLANDS

ALF activists smashed the windows of J Taylor's butchers. This was the sixth time the windows of this shop have been broken.

1 AUGUST 1984 - ENGLAND & SCOTLAND

The ALF's anti grouse-shoot campaign began in earnest, two weeks before the start of the season. A series of night raids were carried out with over 300 shooting butts destroyed and three shooting cabins damaged. One cabin was daubed with the slogan 'Wot No Butts?'.
Over £200,000 worth of damage was caused and many planned shoots were seriously disrupted. Hunt Saboteurs have reported that many butts haven't even been rebuilt.
Most of the action in England took place in Yorkshire and the Peak District.

2 AUGUST 1984 - COVENTRY, WEST MIDLANDS

Lorry belonging to Swifts Meat Wholesalers in Upper York Street had windscreen smashed (again) by ALF.

4 AUGUST 1984 - LEEDS AND HARROGATE

During a night of action Yorkshire Animal Liberation Front, YALF, split up into groups and carried out the following attacks :

1 Attacks on five butchers shops in Leeds. Two had their display windows smashed, and three were sprayed with 'Dealers in Death' and various other slogans;
2 A Wimpey snack bar in Leeds was also attacked with paint and superglue;
3 A van belonging to Country Butchers in Harrogate, North Yorks was wrecked and covered in paint stripper. This particular butcher specialises in so-called meat delicasies, and always has rabbits and pheasants hung outside the shop;
4 Paint stripper was poured over three exclusive cars belonging to Joe Ross, the owner of Ross Furriers in Leeds. Several thousand pounds worth of damage was done;
5 Half a paving slab was thrown through the main display window of Whiteheads Furriers in Harrogate, N. Yorks, in protest at this man's disgusting trade in death. (That's the third time this year his windows have been smashed). Over £400 damage caused.

3 AUGUST 1984 - COVENTRY, WEST MIDLANDS

Window of butchers shop smashed by ALF activists.

4 AUGUST 1984 - COVENTRY, WEST MIDLANDS

Window of butchers shop smashed by ALF activists. Another recently opened butchers shop had four of its windows smashed. The butcher later told the local press that he could hardly sleep at night.

4 AUGUST 1984 - MOSELEY, BIRMINGHAM

Half brick thrown through plate glass window of butchers shop selling ritually slaughtered meat.

4 AUGUST 1984 - BRAINTREE, ESSEX

ALF members daubed slogans on the home of Brocades laboratory director Mr Alex Fearne and warned that other Brocades staff could face similar raids on their homes, too.
Slogans such as 'Vivisector Fearne' and 'Bloody Murderer' were daubed on Mr Fearne's house in red paint during the night, hours before Braintree Animal Rights' march was due to start. In a phone call to the Yellow Advertiser the ALF admitted reponsibility.
"We did it to make sure the people living in the same road know what sort of man they are living next to" explained the anonymous caller.
"We do not regard what we did as wrong because the property which we attacked was gained by the slaughter of innocent animals". He added that Mr Fearne's home had been chosen because he was the senior member of staff there, but warned that other Brocades staff could also soon face similar attacks.
"All those working there have the blood of animals on their hands, so they must be prepared to face the consequences".
Ch Insp Brian Tyrrell of Braintree Police confirmed that they were investigating the attack. Painful experiments on animals are carried out at Brocades Laboratories. 200 guinea pigs were rescued during an ALF raid on one of their laboratories in August last year.

4 AUGUST 1984 - ALBROUGH, E. YORKS.

Anti-meat industry slogans painted on intensive pig rearing unit by ALF.

4 & 5 AUGUST 1984 - HEREFORD

The ALF caused several hundred pounds worth of damage to property connected with animal abuse in two nights of action.
An anonymous telephone caller told the Hereford Times that the attacks were a protest against the use of animals for food. A £180 display window at Aylett's butchers shop in Whitecross Road was wrecked and a further £200 worth of damage was done when two Danish Bacon Company lorries parked on the Farrady Industrial Estate had their windscreens smashed. The woman caller claimed the ALF carried out both attacks as well as others at Hereford Cattle Market and MacDonald's in Commercial Street. She said ten ALF members were involved.
Police found a quantity of ball bearings close to all the smashed windows and say these were undoubtedly aimed at the window by catapult.

5 AUGUST 1984 - BOURNEMOUTH, DORSET

Swifts meat wholesalers were hit for the third time. On this occasion the lorries were covered in paint stripper and the locks superglued.

5 AUGUST 1984 - LINWOOD, RENFREWSHIRE, SCOTLAND

In the early hours an ALF activist attacked the premises of Piper Leathercraft Ltd as a protest against their use of sealskin to produce tourist trinkets. The building - a unit in an industrial estate, was sprayed with red paint and the locks were glued. Slogans such as 'Save the Seals', 'This company exploits seals' and 'Seals slaughtered for trinkets' were written in paint across walls and doors of the building and on the paving stones in front of the entrance.
The company produces model seals, sporrans and tourist trinkets from the skins of Grey Seals killed in Orkney and Western Isles.

5 AUGUST 1984 - COVENTRY, WEST MIDLANDS

Furs of Canada shop had two windows smashed and 'We Will Win' daubed by ALF. As the shop had just put out an Injunction on three local animal rights activists.

5 AUGUST 1984 - HOLLAND

A night of action by the Dierenbevrijdingsfront - the Dutch ALF.
In Drachten (Friesland) 50,000 trout were liberated. They were in large tanks in a flooded gravel pit and were being reared for angling. The freed fish which were valued at about £30,000, are now swimming around in the gravel pit. The fish farmer was not insured.
A similar action took place at a fish farm in Arnhem (Gelderland), where several thousand fish were released.

6 AUGUST 1984 - COVENTRY, WEST MIDLANDS

Window of butchers shop smashed by ALF activists.

6 AUGUST 1984 - RICHMOND, SURREY

A large window of the Dickens & Jones store in Richmond town centre smashed by the ALF by means of a club hammer being thrown through it. This action was carried out because furs were being displayed in the window.

6 AUGUST 1984 - MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE

ALF activists painted anti-cruelty slogans on the house of a man who shoots cats with an air-rifle as a pastime.

7 AUGUST 1984 - COVENTRY, WEST MIDLANDS

Window of butchers shop smashed by ALF activists.

7 AUGUST 1984 - CLIFTONVILLE, KENT

Attack by ALF on shop which sells goat and sheepskins. Two vans paintstrippered all over. Slogans sprayed on windows of shop and doors of warehouse.

8 AUGUST 1984 - COVENTRY, WEST MIDLANDS

Window of butchers shop smashed by ALF activists.

8 AUGUST 1984 - BEAULIEU, NEW FORST, HANTS.

On the eve of the Beaulieu Road Pony Sales (last year the traders' hut was destroyed by fire). The large auctioneer's podium and ten pen gates were burnt to the ground.
Ponies are sold for slaughter at the sales.

9 AUGUST 1984 - WEST MIDLANDS

ALF raiders struck at the 'Harris the Butcher' shop in High Street, Henley-in-Arden, smashing the plate glass display window at the front of the shop.
The window cost butcher Jack Harris £135 to replace and, according to the Birmingham Evening Mail, he then began to sleep on a camp bed in his shop with a double-barrel shotgun by his side. He is quoted as saying 'If the protestors return they'll be looking down the barrel of a shotgun'.
The attack was one of a series carried out that night. The ALF smashed windows at Bryan Spendlow the butchers in High Street, Henley-in-Arden, the Leather Shop and MacDonalds in High Street, Stratford, and Peebles the Butcher in High Street, Shipston-on-Stour. The letters 'ALF' were sprayed on the window of Mr George Peebles' shop and the locks on the front door had been glued up. The door had to be taken off its hinges to gain entry.
Mrs Janet Head of The Leather Shop said the shattered windows had cost £250 to replace.
Insp George Skudder of Stratford Police said "The damage to windows seems to have been caused by an air gun. The Animal Liberation Front have claimed reponsibility for the attacks and have threatened to strike again in the area. We are warning traders who deal in animal products to be vigilant but really our only hope of catching the culprits is to surprise them while they are carrying out an attack. Obviously it is a great help to us if traders are prepared to guard their shops and help prevent any further damage."
Five months ago the ALF claimed responsibility for an attack on a butchers shop in Tanworth-in-Arden.
A spokesman for the Front told the Eversham Journal "This is to protest not only against the slaughter of hundreds of living animals for food and clothing, but also Peebles is accountable for the killing of hundreds of lives."

9 AUGUST 1984 - BRADFORD, WEST YORKS.

In the early hours ALF activists broke into Highley Brothers poultry farm and rescued forty battery hens from their living hell. The birds are now enjoying life under free range conditions.

9 AUGUST 1984 - COVENTRY, WEST MIDLANDS

Windows of butchers shop smashed by ALF activists.

9 AUGUST 1984 - BLANDFORD, DORSET

Word 'Murder' daubed in large red letters on windows of two butchers shops, also the letters 'ALF'.

9 AUGUST 1984 - TIPTON, WEST MIDLANDS

Animal Liberation campaigners are thought to be responsible for an attack on an articulated lorry belonging to bacon wholesalers, Bromley Meats of Bull Lane, Wednesbury.
The lorry, loaded with 20 tons of bacon, was attacked as it was parked overnight at Castle Street in Tipton, near its driver's home.
The meat company boss, Graham Warren, told a local paper that seven holes had been drilled in each of the 40ft vehicle's 18 tyres. Replacing them cost him about £3,800 plus labour charges.
Warren said 'I am convinced it was the work of some animal group. You get one tyre or a windscreen smashed by normal vandals - but nothing like this'.
He stated that he was really annoyed at the attack - the first of its kind on his firm - which had caused great inconvenience.

9 AUGUST 1984 -RENFREWSHIRE & STRATHCLYDE, SCOTLAND

Attacks on six butchers shops and a leather factory by the ALF. Damage was done to windows and locks during the incidents which happened during the early hours, and paint was sprayed on walls, metal grilles and the pavement outside the premises. The premises damaged included shops in Johnstone, Spateston, Linwood, Lochwinnoch, Bridge of Weir and Kilbarchan.
As the extent of the damage became apparent, Johnstone Police launched a full-scale probe. The town's Police chief, Supt George Douglas told the Paisley Daily Express "A very active inquiry is under way". Appealing for possible witnesses to come forward, he added "Anyone who saw a group or groups of people moving about in these areas during the night could be of assistance to us".
Among the slogans daubed outside the shops were the initials 'ALF'. The group has been active in other areas of Strathclyde where similar attacks have been made on shops selling expensive furs. Other slogans sprayed outside the shops stated 'Don't kill animals', 'Dead Animals'for sale' and 'Dead flesh inside'.
One butcher affected by the attack was John Marshall & Son. The family run business has two shops - one in Johnstone and another in Spateston. The Johnstone shop was not affected but the Spateston branch was daubed with paint and the windows were also damaged.
David Marshall, a partner in the business, said 'We will need two new windows'. He spent Thursday morning removing the paint from walls and the pavement using thinners and white spirit.
Another butcher who fell victim to the activists was William Howie of Tandlehill Road, Kilbarchan. Staff turning up for work had to force an entry into the shop after the locks were damaged. Paint was also sprayed on the walls outside and daubed on the pavement in front of the shop. The metal shutters were also damaged.
Damage was also done at the National Chrome Tanning Company's works at Bridge of Weir. Slogans were daubed on the gates at the Locher Works.

9 AUGUST 1984 - FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.

As a protest against a rodeo slogans such as 'No Rodeo', 'Cruel', 'ALF', 'Shame', were sprayed in red on bridge supports, a white wall and a large marquee that was on the site; also posters and sign posts to the rodeo were removed.

9 AUGUST 1984 - CHEADLE, STAFFS.

ALF activists caused hundreds of pounds worth of damage at the home of Thomas Whitehead, who kills wild animals, and has them killed for him, as part of his taxidermy business.
In an early morning raid on the Whitehead family's home in Derwent Drive, the activists, armed with black and blue spray paint, covered brickwork and doors with slogans in foot-high letters.
The attack was the latest of several actions which have been directed at Whitehead.
"Tom took up taxidermy four years ago and these people have not left us alone since", his wife, Anita, told the North Staffs Post & Times. 'Badger killer', 'filth', 'scum' and 'murderer' were just a few of the words sprayed across the house, as well as the initials of the Animal Liberation Front.
Whitehead may now decide to give up taxidermy. "It's just not worth the aggravation. We are left wondering what will happen next because it gets worse each time", his wife said. "We have had the Police searching the house after false tip-offs, stones thrown on the roof at night, a double glazed window smashed by a brick, threatening phone calls and now the paint" she added.
In a call to the Evening Sentinel newspaper an ALF spokesman said the attack 'was done to warn him that if he carries on snaring, shooting and decapitating animals for taxidermy more serious action will be taken'.

10 AUGUST 1984 - ABERGAVENNY, SOUTH WALES

In a raid on the livestock market, ALF activists caused extensive damage to a refrigerated lorry, a transporter and a car, fibre-glassing windscreens, daubing slogans, puncturing petrol tanks, breaking lights and cutting wires and hoses.
Walls, doors and windows of the slaughterhouse at the market were daubed, gates to the market were padlocked and glued. This was to highlight the plight of Welsh mountain ponies sold for pet food and as a protest against the meat trade.

10 AUGUST 1984 - COVENTRY, WEST MIDLANDS

Windows of butchers shop smashed by ALF activists.

11 AUGUST 1984 - COVENTRY, WEST MIDLANDS

Window of butchers shop smashed by ALF activists.

12 AUGUST 1984 - LLANDEGLA, NORTH WALES

ALF activists destroyed 15 shooting butts on a grouse moor.

12 AUGUST 1984 - COVENTRY, WEST MIDLANDS

ALF activists severely damaged replacement lorry belonging to Swifts meat wholesalers, smashing the windscreen and indicators and daubing the slogans 'Masters in Murder' and 'ALF'. Swifts' original lorry had its windscreen smashed on 2 August.

12 AUGUST 1984 - SCOTLAND

ALF activists destroyed more than 50 butts in order to sabotage the start of the grouse shooting season.
In a statement ALF said that various 'cells' took action over the weekend. A Lanarkshire group destroyed 15 grouse butts four miles south of East Kilbride.
"Small footbridges giving access to butts were also destroyed and a hut used by the shooters was spray painted", the group said.
At Gleneagles Hotel, near Auchterarder, Perthshire, 38 grouse butts were destroyed by ALF activists from Edinburgh and Stirling and a hut used by shooters was wrecked.
Butts are mounds of earth that grouse shooters hide behind while spotting their prey.
The statement added "These included those used for the first shoot of the season where the traditional 'first grouse' is shot and rushed off to London to be on the lunch menu in the Ritz Hotel."

13 AUGUST 1984 - TIPTON, WEST MIDLANDS

ALF raiders caused thousands of pounds worth of damage at a slaughterhouse.
Three lorries used to transport live chickens from Wards Poultry Ltd in Chapel Street, were sabotaged said the Front in a statement to the Birmingham Evening Mail. Brake pipes were cut, fuel pipes slashed and electrical systems ripped out of the lorries in protest at the 'senseless slaughter' for the meat trade, said the statement.
The ALF warned that the attacks will continue.
Note: Because of the nature of the brakes on the lorries, the cutting of the brake pipes caused them to jam on, rather than the opposite.

13 AUGUST 1984 - COVENTRY, WEST MIDLANDS

Window of butchers shop smashed by ALF activists.

13 AUGUST 1984 - NORTH WEST ENGLAND

In early morning raids, ALF activists caused damage to gunshops in Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, Blackpool, Chorley, Preston and Lancaster as a protest against the start of the grouse shooting season. In Preston three shops were attacked.
Protestors smashed a window at Fishers Furriers on Fishergate, a store which was singled out for another attack several months ago. Police patrols also discovered red paint daubed on the windows and walls of two fur shops in Brook Street and Kendal Street. A spokesman for Preston Police said "We were aware of the possibility of this kind of attack on property and we believe a car was used to take protestors to all the addresses".

14 AUGUST 1984 - COVENTRY, WEST MIDLANDS

Window of butchers shop smashed by ALF activists. Car belonging to Fred Pink, Public Relations Officer for Coventry Meat Traders Association, paint strippered.

14 AUGUST 1984 - HULL

ALF activists contaminated animal tested bottles of shampoo in Grandways Supermarket with small amounts of bleach. The bottles of Silvikrin, Sunsilk and Supersoft were marked with the word 'toxic' and a blue cross put on the labels, and warnings given so that the action would not affect the general public but would cause economic loss and disruption to firms involved in animal experimentation.

Three people were later arrested by Police in connection with the incident and have been charged with Conspiracy to Cause a Public Nuisance. Donations toward their defence should be sent to ALF Supporters Group, BCM Box 1160, London WC1N 3XX.

14 AUGUST 1984 - TIVERTON, DEVON

Damage was inflicted on vehicles at two West Country hunt kennels during the night.
The windscreen of the Tiverton Staghounds' hound van and pick-up were smashed and tyres were slashed. Similar damage was caused to vehicles belonging to the Tiverton Foxhounds Hunt including the car owned by their huntsman Bob Street. A message was received by the Express & Echo, an Exeter newspaper, stating that this damage to hunt property was carried out by members of the Hunt Saboteurs group.

14 AUGUST 1984 - WREXHAM, NORTH WALES

Glue was put in the locks of a gun shop, Shooting Sports, in High Street and in locks of five butchers shops.
In a telephone call to the Evening Leader newspaper an ALF spokeswoman said "We hope to put these sort of people out of business. Our campaign will go on until the evil meat trade is stopped and there will be more attacks in Wrexham".

15 AUGUST 1984 - COVENTRY, WEST MIDLANDS

Window of butchers shop smashed by ALF activists.

15 AUGUST 1984 - WREXHAM, NORTH WALES

The ALF took a new step in its campaign against Wrexham butchers shops.
Windows of Edwards the Butchers in Rhosddu and Roystons in Garden Village were broken using a catapult, and Animal Liberation Front stickers left on the windows.
The proprietor of Edwards told the Evening Leader newspaper that a half-inch hole had been made in his shop window. "We are going to have to put a new window in" he said. "We could put the window in and then have to replace it again the following day".
Total damage in the attacks was estimated at £1,500.

MID AUGUST 1984 - LUTON, BEDS.

'Freedom for Animals' slogans painted on the fence belonging to an halal butchers shop in Bury Park. The shop's brand new van was also painted with ALF slogans and the window of the shop smashed.
In a separate raid a furriers in Old Bedford Road was spray painted (again) and the large window of a butchers shop in Selbourne Road was broken.

MID AUGUST 1984 - BECKENHAM, KENT

ALF activists daubed slogans on garage doors at the homes of two directors of the Wellcome animal torture laboratories at Beckenham. Slogans saying 'Animals murdered in Vane' were painted at the home of Sir John Vane, the group research and development director of the labs; and at the home of the administrative director and spokesman, Warwick Dench, slogans saying 'Voice of animal suffering' were daubed.
In a statement to the Beckenham Advertiser an ALF representative said 'This action was taken as a protest against the suffering of thousands of animals'.

16 AUGUST 1984 - COVENTRY, WEST MIDLANDS

Butcher J Taylor of Newcombe Road had his display window smashed for the seventh time by ALF activists.

16 AUGUST 1984 - SOUTH WALES

The ALF struck at two garden centres causing hundreds of pounds worth of damage because of the conditions at mini-zoos at the centres - the Vale Garden Centre at Castleton and Caerphilly Garden Centre.
A spokeswoman for the ALF group responsible told the South Wales Echo it was "to highlight the plight of the animals imprisoned in the ridiculously small cages at both centres".
The group sprayed paint over tents on display outside the Vale centre. At Caerphilly the entrance and the roadway were daubed, but the group failed to get inside to the mini-zoo which houses a range of large animals, including a lion.
The spokeswoman said "There is a growing pattern of garden centres making quick profits at the expense of suffering to animals and it was felt we had to make a protest against them". Also she warned this was just the start of a new campaign to get the centres to stop keeping animals.

17 AUGUST 1984 - COVENTRY, WEST MIDLANDS

Butcher F E Ellis of Walsgrave Road had a window of his house smashed by ALF activists.

17 AUGUST 1984 - RAMSGATE, KENT

Anti-cruelty slogans painted on local monkey zoo.

18 AUGUST 1984 - BOURNEMOUTH, DORSET

Frank Potts Meat Wholesalers had their vehicles attacked by the ALF, with paint stripper and the tanks sugared. Also the van locks were superglued.

19 AUGUST 1984 - HOUNSLOW, MIDDLESEX

ALF activists struck once again at a Hounslow butchers shop when Bell Butchers in Bell Road was daubed with spray paint slogans and the keyholes jammed with match-ends and superglue.

19 AUGUST 1984 - HAMBURG, WEST GERMANY

40 animals (mainly cats and guinea pigs, but including a sheep) rescued from the Physiological and Pathological Institute of the University by Autonome Tierschutzer.

19 AUGUST 1984 - SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

150 protestors from all over the country invaded the premises of the Unilever animal research laboratories in a raid organised by the Eastern Animal Liberation League.

As a result of the raid 42 people were arrested and now face serious charges of Conspiracy to Commit Criminal Damage. Contributions towards their defence would be appreciated and should be sent to EALL, c/o Doorway Bookshop, 18 Victoria Road, Northampton NN1 5ED.

The raid took place at about mid-day with activists armed with crowbars, cameras and balaclavas. One of the buildings at the laboratory, the 'ESD Unit', was surrounded by a huge metal fence - which one of the raiders cut through using a large powered tile-cutter. Windows and doors of the laboratories were broken and files and paperwork were taken. Laboratory equipment was also wrecked and total damage was later estimated at about £50,000.

The raiders found evidence of LD50 poisoning tests and experiments where calves have see-through panels fitted into their bodies, so scientists can observe internal organs.

Rats, mice, rabbits and cattle are the animals most frequently used at the lab to test animal feedstuffs, chemicals and many consumer goods. The company later admitted that the LD50 and Draize test (where shampoo etc is put into rabbits' eyes) were carried out at the lab.

20 AUGUST 1984 - WREXHAM, NORTH WALES

According to the Wrexham Leader, Wrexham Police are stepping up their investigations into animal rights groups after another spate of attacks on town butchers shops.
Two windows at Dewhursts in Regent Street were smashed during the night and staff who came to open up at Baxters and Iceland in the morning found glue in the locks.
The attacks follow incidents last week when ballbearings were fired through butchers' windows in Garden Village and Rhosddu, when Police found stickers left by the Animal Liberation Front.
A Police spokesman said they had no firm evidence to link the incidents but they would be questioning animal rights activists.
Supt Derrick Roberts said "Their activities in the past have been confined to spraying paint and putting glue in locks but we take a very serious view indeed of the sort of criminal damage to windows, which in each case amounts to several hundred pounds".

20 AUGUST 1984 - WIMBLEDON, S.W. LONDON

Windows of four butchers shops and a fish shop catapulted by ALF activists.

20 AUGUST 1984 - TOULOUSE, FRANCE

Raid on Rangueil Animal House, where mice, rats and monkeys are used in cruel experiments in endocrinology.
Four monkeys rescued after raiders broke down doors of animal house. The monkeys were due to undergo arteriosclerosis experiments.

20 AUGUST 1984 - WIGAN, LANCS.

ALF activists glued up locks of gunshop.

22 AUGUST 1984 - SOUTHAMPTON

Three people appeared before Southampton magistrates following the raid on animal laboratories at Southampton University last May.
Anthony Dixon, Louise Wall and Stephen Rooke asked for their case to be adjourned and were released on unconditional bail.
They are accused of being in circumstances likely to cause a breach of the peace and damaging university property.
Louise Wall is also charged with entering the university and stealing three Home Office identification tags.
The offences are alleged to have occurred on the May Day Bank Holiday, when about 25 animal rights campaigners raided the university's medical school where cruel experiments take place.

22 AUGUST 1984 - SHARDLOW, DERBYSHIRE

In a late night raid, ALF activists used an old van to smash open security doors at the Safepharm Laboratories in order to rescue guinea pigs from painful experiments.
The Safepharm labs had been considerably fortified following a daylight ALF raid in February 1982, when rabbits were rescued and several thousand pounds worth of damage caused.
The extra fortifications did not, however, stop the latest group of raiders who gained entry to the lab after ramming the double doors three times. The activists rescued 21 guinea pigs from their cages and made off with them across the fields.
The old van which had been bought cheaply specifically for the purpose of the raid was abandoned on the laboratory premises.
The guinea pigs are now all in good homes but some of them needed treatment from a sympathetic vet as they were very ill after undergoing skin irritancy tests at the laboratories.

23 AUGUST 1984 - COVENTRY, WEST MIDLANDS

Windows of four butchers shops smashed by ALF activists.

24 AUGUST 1984 - COVENTRY, WEST MIDLANDS

Windows of five butchers shops smashed by ALF activists.

24 AUGUST 1984 - HAMBLETON, LANCS.

Nine rabbits rescued by ALF from intensive farm. All now in good homes. Slogans sprayed on buildings.

25 AUGUST 1984 - TAMWORTH, STAFFS.

Dog rescued from a large rabbit hutch where it was being kept permanently without exercise. RSPCA failed to act so ALF moved in.
The group responsible for rescuing the dog had previously been taking action against local shops and businesses involved in animal abuse, with butchers, fishing tackle shops, bookmakers and a McDonalds restaurant all having their locks glued up.

26 AUGUST 1984 - POOLE, DORSET

Windows displaying circus posters were sprayed by the ALF and each shop received a written warning of broken windows if the posters were not removed. About 30 shops in all were attacked in the Ashley Cross, Lower Parkstone area.
The circus in question, the Circus Hoffman, have performing animals, including Tigers, Llamas and Camels. A local ALF spokeswoman told the Poole Advertiser 'Animals are not freaks for our amusement which degrades and humiliates them. How can we possibly recognise the need to conserve the world's wildlife when we subject animals to close confinement, constant travel and a totally alien way of life in the name of profit'.
Also a gunshop was sprayed with slogans 'Animals have Rights', 'Scum', 'ALF'.

26 AUGUST 1984 - MONTROUGE, PARIS, FRANCE

Front window of a butchers shop smashed by a stone thrown by an FLA activist.

26 AUGUST 1984 - DOWNE, KENT

Animal Liberation activists raided a Royal College of Surgeons research establishment where they claim that stolen animals are being used in painful experiments.
50 masked activists took part in the daylight raid at the Buckston Browne laboratories in an action organised by the South East Animal Liberation League. Windows of the lab were broken and doors forced to gain entry.
A video was taken of the action and was later shown on national television news, and a representative of SEALL said they had found extensive photographic and documentary evidence of experiments on monkeys.
An expensive word-processor belonging to the lab was smashed by a sledgehammer during the raid.

26 AUGUST 1984 - THE FYLDE, LANCS.

ALF raid on Pickervance pig breeders and dealers, the largest in the area.
Damage done to tractor and various pieces of equipment. Raiders found an enormous pile of dead piglets in a shed.

26 AUGUST 1984 - HOLLAND

In the early hours of the morning the Dierenbevrijdings-front (Dutch ALF) liberated several hundred coypu from three fur farms. The animals were later released in protected swamp areas.
A spokesman for the DBF stated that the coypu were freed in protest against the bad conditions in which they were kept and against the fur industry in general. The action was against fur farms in De Klomp, Groesbeek and Oostermeer. The breeding of coypu has become more popular in Holland in the last few years. The tail is used for wristwatch straps and the teeth for jewellery. According to the DBF the corpses of the animals are regularly offered to exclusive restaurants.

26 AUGUST 1984 - HOTHFIELD, KENT

Animal Liberation activists released 300 game birds from a farm where they were being prepared for a shoot.

27 AUGUST 1984 - EAST KILBRIDGE, SCOTLAND

ALF attack on Scotbeef meat processing plant and slaughterhouse.
Walls sprayed with slogans 'Cows have the right to live' etc.
Empty refrigerated lorry parked at front of the plant destroyed by setting fire to cab.
Damaged caused to room at back of slaughterhouse.
Total damage about £15,000.

27 AUGUST 2984 - BOURNEMOUTH, DORSET

For the fourth time Swifts meat wholesalers was attacked. One large front window broken and slogans 'Scum' and 'ALF' daubed.
Also, for the second time Frank Potts meat wholesalers attacked - two large front windows broken, also slogans 'Murder' and 'ALF'.

27 AUGUST 1984 - ST ALBANS, HERTS.

In the early hours of the morning ALF activists daubed two butchers shops with 'Meat is Murder' slogans.

27 AUGUST 1984 - WATERFORD, EIRE

Two activists arrested after damaging butchers shops with paint and paint stripper. They were later fined £30 each and ordered to pay costs.
Any donations should be sent to ALF Supporters Group, BCM Box 1160, London, WC1N 3XX.

28 AUGUST 1984 - COVENTRY, WEST MIDLANDS

Two big windows belonging to the newly opened Butcher Boy butchers shop in the shopping precinct smashed by ALF activists. The large window of a fish, game and poultry supplier also smashed.

28 AUGUST 1984 - SEAFORD, E. SUSSEX

Five shops in the main Seaford shopping centre were the target of animal rights activists during the night.
The butchers' shops of Dewhurst, H&J Ingrams and K T Highleys had slogans sprayed on their windows. Rolf's fish shop was also sprayed. Sainsburys had a slogan sprayed on their wall next to the store.
Mr Kevin Highley told the Evening Argus "The night before last a slogan reading 'Meat means Murder' was written on our window with a felt tip pen". This morning he returned to see that ALF had been sprayed on the window.

29 AUGUST 1984 - PILLING, LANCS.

ALF raiders carried out a night raid on a battery farm.
They spray-painted slogans of 'murder' and 'No to factory farming' on the steps leading to battery houses at Mr John Higginson's egg-producing farm in Bradshaw Lane. Red paint slogans and the ALF

symbol of the Animal Liberation Front were sprayed on tractors, vans and a car. Fuel pipes on tractors were cut.
Higginson has 9,000 battery hens producing about 6,000 eggs a day.

29 AUGUST 1984 - MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE

Small cross boxer pup liberated by ALF activists from a block of flats where the thin, starving dog was forced to live on the balcony with a broken paw.
Activists also glued the lock of Match-A-Tac fishing tackle shop. There were also ALF attacks on a College and three schools because of their involvement in dissection. Macclesfield College had its locks glued and anti-dissection slogans sprayed on the walls, and slogans were also sprayed at Therington High School, Ryles Park High School and Kings School.

30 AUGUST 1984 - LIVERPOOL

The following damage was caused to an Halal meat shop in Renshaw Street during an evening raid by three ALF activists :
Rear door superglued, slogans sprayed on windows and wall, conveyor belt in back yard used to transport meat damaged, paint stripper poured over van belonging to the shop and locks glued, locks on front door of shop superglued, tin of red paint splattered over front display window - which was later smashed using a catapult.

30 AUGUST 1984 - POYNTON, CHESHIRE

ALF group glued up the locks of a butchers shop in the High Street.

31 AUGUST 1984 - NOTTINGHAM

During the night ALF activists smashed the window of Boots the Chemist in the Victoria Centre with an axe. A smoke grenade was then thrown through the hole in the window. Boots staff were seen to be mopping up in the morning.
This action was one of many which have been carried out because of the painful experiments carried out on animals in Boots' laboratories.

31 AUGUST 1984 - COEDKERNEW, GWENT, WALES

The ALF have claimed responsibility for an attack causing £2,000 worth of damage at a Gwent farm in which a car and a van were damaged and sheds sprayed with slogans.
The attack happened at Maerdy Farm where paint stripper was poured on a car and its windscreen was smashed. The windows of a van were also smashed and slogans such as 'Chickens' Belsen' were daubed on the side. Similar slogans and the initials ALF were sprayed on the farm's three battery chicken sheds.
In an anonymous call to the South Wales Argus a woman said the raid had been carried cut by the Gwent Animal Liberation Front, who have carried out similar actions in the past.
"We did it to expose the cruelty to chickens who live in pitifully cramped cages, unable to stretch their legs or wings" she said. "They are totally exploited as egg-laying machines".
The farmer estimated that the raid on his premises, where about 1,000 birds are kept in cages, took place about 11 pm.

31 AUGUST 1984 - CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES

Animal Liberation Front activists daubed the windows of a fur shop during the night.
Police are investigating the paint attack at the premises of Regency Furs in the city centre High Street Arcade. A spokesman for the Front who refused to be named, said the daubings on the fur shop were the second his group had carried out in two months. "We are going to carry on these attacks until the shop stops selling furs" he said. "We intend to put them out of business".

31 AUGUST 1984 - BRIXTON, SOUTH LONDON

ALF activists used a lump of concrete to smash a large window of the Brixton Art Gallery which was displaying a sculpture exhibition which encouraged cruelty. Exhibits included items which portrayed cats being tortured.

31 AUGUST 1984 - BOURNEMOUTH, DORSET

A grocer's shop in Old Christchurch Road had two main windows broken and a closed circuit TV damaged by the ALF because ritually slaughtered meat is sold there.

31 AUGUST 1984 - WESTBOURNE, DORSET

ALF activists daubed the windows of shops displaying circus posters with red paid and superglued their locks.

LATE AUGUST 1984 - WATERFORD, EIRE

Seven butchers shops damaged by activists either by slogans, paint stripper or having their windows smashed.

LATE AUGUST 1984 - LEYTONSTONE, EAST LONDON

A Halal meat lorry parked in Forest Drive West was sprayed with paint stripper and daubed with slogans by the ALF.

NOTE TO ALL ALF ACTIVISTS :

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